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In re Patent Application of) **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**
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Application No.: Not Assigned) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
Filed: January 31, 2001)
For: PERFLUORO COMPOUNDS)
DECOMPOSITION METHOD AND)
DECOMPOSITION APPARATUS)
THEREFOR)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "Detailed Description of The Invention" and replace with

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, line 13, delete "Prior Arts" and replace with

--Description of the Related Art--

Page 2, line 11, delete the line in its entirety.